

## Message Text

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P 181821Z JAN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4343  
INFO ALL EC CAPITALS  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
USMISSION GENEVA

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USEEC, PARIS ALSO FOR USOECD

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS:EEC, EIND, ETRD  
SUBJ: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, JANUARY 17, 1978:  
STEEL

REF: (A) 77 BRUSSELS 18991; (B) BRUSSELS 714

1. DURING THEIR JANUARY 17 COUNCIL MEETING, THE EC  
FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED TO A DRAFT EC COMMISSION DECISION  
PROHIBITING COMMUNITY PRODUCERS FROM DOWNWARD ALIGNMENT  
OF STEEL PRICES TO MEET COMPETITION FROM THIRD COUNTRIES  
WHICH HAVE SIGNED BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON MARKET  
SHARES (REFTELS).

2. ACCORDING TO PERMREP OFFICIALS, EC COMMISSIONER  
DAVIGNON ALSO REPORTED ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CRISIS  
MEASURES ESTABLISHED BY THE DECEMBER 1977 COUNCIL (REF A),  
EMPHASIZING THE INITIAL ENCOURAGING EFFECTS THOSE  
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MEASURES HAVE HAD ON THE EC MARKET.

3. AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING, FRG MINISTER OF STATE  
DOHNANYI TOLD REPORTERS HE HAD COMPLAINED TO THE COUNCIL  
THAT GERMAN STEEL EXPORTS TO ITALY HAVE BEEN SEVERELY  
HAMPERED BY THE CRISIS MEASURES, SINCE ONLY FOUR LOCATIONS  
IN ITALY HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

POINTS. DOHANYI SAID THAT DAVIGNON PROMISED TO  
INVESTIGATE THIS PROBLEM. MISSION HAS HEARD SIMILAR  
COMPLAINTS FROM AUSTRIAN MISSION. HINTON

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